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Materialized Spirit Plays the Piano Other Rare Phenomena Witnessed

Demonstrations Vouched For By Editors and Physician Attending Series of Test Seances at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana.

The Medium: FANCHION HARWOOD

By Juliette Ewing Pressing

Life Insurance statistics inform us that an average of one human being passes away in the *United States* every 8 seconds—day and night, the clock around.

With these actual figures about the subject of "*death*," it is of paramount importance that every living being find out, if possible, what lies beyond the grave. It follows that each individual should make a reasonable preparation for a life hereafter, if indeed you feel such a life exists.

From time immemorial, religionists have taught immortality. "*Proof Palpable*," according to *Epes Sargeant*, has been given to mankind for thousands of years. Yet there still lingers doubt in the minds of men.

After a great war, when millions lose their lives, *Job's* age old question "*If A Man Die, Shall He Live Again?*" is heard on every tongue.

Look at the Records!

In thousands of volumes written about *Spiritualism*, testimonials of communication, that prove immortality, are recorded.

Hundreds of thousands of sermons have been preached on the subject of the transfiguration. We are told that *Jesus*, with his three disciples, *Peter*, *James* and *John*, talked with "*dead men*".

Moses and *Elijah* appeared and were so life-like that the disciples suggested building permanent tabernacles for them. *Moses* had been "*dead*" about three thousand, and *Elijah* about eight hundred years.

If this event did not occur, it is a sacrilege and a blasphemous outrage to preach such falsehoods to people who seek spiritual knowledge.

In the records of psychic science, there are thousands of cases, each proving that the spirit of a "*dead*" person can return to their loved ones and friends in our time.

Jesus Proved Identity

Hence, those who accept the *Bible* should also be able to accept the truths, as are to be found in the annals of *psychic science.*

Another dramatic materialization preached about is that of *Jesus* appearing to his disciples after the crucifixion. On many occasions, through little mannerisms and personal idiosyncracies of speech and action, *Jesus proved his own identity.*

In this same manner, in seance rooms and occasionally spontaneously, as were some of the Biblical records of materializations of *Jesus*, our own loved ones appear. By trivial remarks and mannerisms, they are usually able to prove their identity. On these occasions, they also let us know that the dead live, and that God's or nature's laws are the same in our day as they were in *Christ's* time.

In most seances, and in almost every communication, the truths taught and demonstrated by *Jesus*, are being taught and demonstrated through mediumship to those attempting to follow in *His* footsteps.

Fodor's Definition

Before I begin this particular story, which concerns present-day materialization, I shall, for the benefit of those who have no previous knowledge of this phase of mediumship, quote from the "*Encyclopedia of Psychic Science*" by *Nandor Fodor.*

In this volume, *Mr. Fodor* gives a definition of materialization: (i.e.) "*Materialization, appearance of temporary more or less organized substances in various degrees of solidification and possessing human and physical characteristics; limbs, faces, eyes, heads, full figures, shaped for a temporary existence out of ectoplasm by an unknown agency.*"

In August 1945, during my annual visit to *Camp Chesterfield* at Chesterfield, Indiana, I met *Dr. H. F. Miller*, from the city of Odessa in Western Texas. Dr. Miller was, for many years, a surgeon for the *Santa Fe Railroad.* Since his retirement from that position, he has carried on his surgical and medical practice in his home-town.

During our conversation, he told me that, for a period of thirty years, he attended seances in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Miller also told me that, during his travels, he always sought out mediums; methodically adding to his knowledge of psychic phenomena.

Aber's Outstanding Books

It was with the late *William Aber* that he had his first experience with materialization, and subsequently attended approximately three hundred meetings where he witnessed amazing demonstrations similar to those recorded in the out-of-print books — "*The Guiding Star*," "*Rending The Vail*" and "*Beyond The Vail.*"

Dr. Miller was present when the material for the little booklet, "*A Guide To Mediumship*" was dictated by a materialized spirit. He stated that a Remington typewriter was placed on a table across the room about 8 feet from the cabinet where the medium sat. *Jenny Wood*, a materialized spirit, took dictation voiced by another materialized spirit and she, *Jenny*, typed it as it was dictated.

W. W. ABER

Inasmuch as the little booklet, "*A Guide To Mediumship,*" was out-of-print and owing to the fact that *Dr. Miller* considered the subject matter very worth-while, it was reprinted recently by *Dale News, Inc.* and sells for fifty cents. In this booklet, the reader will find a vivid account, given by a spirit, as to what is considered the proper method to follow when endeavoring to unfold your own mediumship.

During this particular conversation at *Chesterfield, Dr. Miller* did not tell me anything of his experiences at the camp, but did say that, prior to coming to *Chesterfield*, he visited Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he had a sitting with *Marie Hutcherson*, a direct-voice and materialization medium.

While there, *Mrs. Hutcherson* gave him a copy of PSYCHIC OBSERVER. In this particular issue, there was a story about some of the demonstrations at *Chesterfield.* This story intrigued him to such an extent that he decided to visit the camp.

Dr, Miller's Quest

I did not hear from *Dr. Miller* for several months, but, after we published the *Aber* booklet, I sent him a quantity. He then wrote me that, at the conclusion of his visit to *Chesterfield* last August, he made contact with his beloved daughter *Helen* whom he had sought in seance rooms for over twenty years.

Prior to this visit to Chesterfield, he had sat with many mediums, but, at no time, did he receive one word or even a slight description of his beloved daughter. However, he did receive a mass of information that was strikingly correct and convincing.

DR. MILLER

Dr. Miller is a very practical minded man and, throughout his long search, kept his own counsel . . . never asking for Helen and not once divulging the fact that he even had a daughter in the spirit world.

Throughout these years of experience with mediumship. Dr. Miller had received many communications that were absolutely evidential. He had had it proven to his entire satisfaction that "*the dead live*" and can communicate under certain conditions. Consequently he was undaunted. He knew that at sometime, somewhere his daughter would ultimately communicate.

When he was about to conclude his Chesterfield visit, after having gone to many mediums, it was the same old story. Relatives and friends came and made themselves known. Each gave evidential messages to him, but not once did he hear from his beloved *Helen.*

Helen Finally Manifested

During a casual conversation with a little group of people on the veranda of the hotel at Chesterfield (where people gather to discuss experiences they have had with their spirit friends) a lady suggested that, by all means he should not leave the camp without attending one of *Fanchion Harwood's* materialization seances.

To himself he mused "*what's one more seance? . . . besides I like materialization—Helen might come, I'll try it . . . just once more.*"

So that evening, he went to the *Harwood* seance. Ater the preliminaries of singing and prayer, the first spirit who manifested was . . . HELEN.

She came rushing out of the cabinet, with arms outstretched and cried out, "*Daddy, Daddy,*

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The Materialization Seances Described In This Article Took Place In This Room. Note Piano.

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SHE MATERIALIZES . . . THEN PLAYS THE PIANO

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HELEN MILLER

This picture was taken when she was fifteen years of age.

BY WAY OF EXPLANATION

Helen Miller (lower left) passed away when she was eighteen years of age. She celebrated her forty-fourth birthday the ninth of last October. At all seances, she manifests as a girl of eighteen. She is the daughter of Dr. H. F. Miller of Odessa, Texas. (See picture column 5)

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Spiritualism has become so wide-spread in England that today all public halls are booked far in advance for seances, even those so large that loud-speakers have to be used to make the vast audiences hear the voices of the 'dead.'—Colliers.

By

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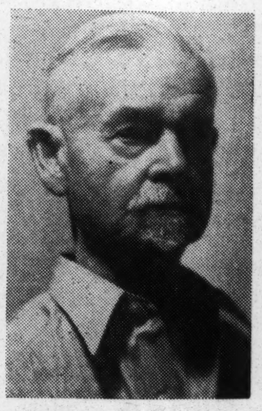
How the scientists must sneer at such demonstrations, as they hooted and jeered *Pasteur* and *Faraday*, *Galileo* and *Copernicus.* We are reminded that *Sir Walter Scott*, in writing to a friend during the last century, said that there was a fool then living in *London* who claimed he could extract a gas from coal that would make light, and take it out through a pipe.

But as *Marconi*, the *Curies*, and the atomic bomb have latterly overturned some of the most sacrosanct foundations of the savants, it is not unreasonable to expect that the psychic world will similarly be explored and verified, revealing wider horizons to astonished humanity.

It is difficult to account for the general nonchalance with which most of us regard our future destinies. Every year, on the average, 40,000,000 of us pass over into the unknown. A million tons of flesh and bone are discarded and transformed into other substances.



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The agnostic scientist is uninterested in all this, will tell you that he limits his studies only to mankind's earthly affairs; that since a life beyond this is outside of these interests, he naturally is unable to *put his finger on* any evidences of a future existence.

We Are All Sentenced To Death

On the other hand stands theology in its many forms, armed all

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RARE PHENOMENA

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Daddy this is Helen, I'm here at last, Oh, my precious Daddy. I'm so glad to be with you. I've wanted to come, I've tried to come, but until now, I've been unable to reach you."

Dr. Miller was so overcome with joy and gratitude he could hardly speak. To think that, after these twenty years, his own beloved daughter was able to contact him. The following day, he attended another *Harwood* seance and again *Helen*, in all her glory and beauty, manifested.

At this second meeting he was poised and better able to carry on a conversation with her, but even so, she did not try to explain to him why she had been unable to communicate before. Perhaps this is one of the mysteries we, on the earth plane, will never understand.

No Set Rule

The "*why*" of many of the perplexing questions that confront us, regarding spirit communication, will never be adequately explained. Suffice it is to say, there is *no set rule* to be followed. Each spirit communicator and each medium seems to be a law unto themselves.

Originally, Dr. Miller had planned to leave Chesterfield early in August in order to attend several big league baseball games in Chicago, before going to his Texas home, but somehow, after the reunion with his daughter, he found interest lacking in sports. Consequently, he gave up this diversion and started home but only traveled as far as Kansas City.

His thoughts were centered on *Helen* and how she had appeared to him, so much so that he returned to *Chesterfield* and remained until the season closed.

During his conversations with *Helen*, it was decided that he make a quick return trip to Texas and plan to visit with her again at *Chesterfield*, October 9th, her birthday . . . and when he did return, his spirit daughter had learned much more about the technique of materialization. She was more life-like, more natural . . . almost as though she was living again—just as in earth life.

Helen's First Attempt

Being her birthday, her father's thoughts turned to presents. *Helen* was an accomplished pianist before her passing, so *Dr. Miller* asked: "*If I get a piano and have it placed in Mrs. Harwood's seance room, do you think you could play it?*"

Helen replied: "*Why yes, Daddy, I believe I could. I'll certainly try.*"

Whereupon *Dr. Miller* enthusiastically responded: "*Alright, I'll get a small piano and give it to you for a birthday present.*"

The following day, in nearby Anderson, Indiana, a studio piano was purchased and delivered to *Chesterfield*.

At the very next seance, the piano was the subject of conversation. Many spirits, interested in music, visited the circle. *Helen* was overjoyed. She was able to pick out a few notes and managed to play one or two melodies but it required great effort.

Seance Room Described

After these experiences, Dr. Miller visited Chesterfield every few months and as time went on, Helen became so accustomed to the piano that, with the greatest of ease, many pieces could be played during each seance.

Though I did not doubt the reports I received of these amazing seances, I had never seen anything of the kind. My opportunity came last spring when I received a letter from *Dr. Miller*, in which he extended an invitation to my husband and me to meet him at *Chesterfield* to attend a series of private seances. We gladly accepted, and during *June*, went to *Camp Chesterfield*. The following report is exactly what happened.

Fanchion Harwood's seance room is about 30 feet long and 18 feet wide, I would say. On one side of the room, about six feet from a door, there are two standards over which black sateen is stretched to form a cabinet. A plain wooden chair, of the ordinary kitchen type, is placed in the cabinet. The floor is made of concrete.

Seances Unpredictable

There are no windows in this room. The one door, which I just mentioned as being some six feet from the cabinet, is on one side and leads to the upstairs portion of Mrs. Harwood's house, whilst the other door is on the opposite side of the room, ten feet from the cabinet, and leads out-of-doors.

Upon entering the room for this particular seance, Mrs. Harwood insisted that I examine her and make sure there was *no paraphernalia* about her person. She asked my husband to lock the two doors and put the keys in his pocket. We complied with these requests and can definitely state that, from these angles, the conditions were absolutely test proof.

Seances are unpredictable. Experience has taught me that odd things happen, insofar as what spirits may come to visit with you.

Now, for some reason, the first spirit to come out of the cabinet was *Mr. Pressing's, Grandmother Cehres*. She had been in the land of spirit for many, many years—having passed away shortly after my husband's birth.

Though he could not actually recognize her features, having only seen her picture, the conversation indicated that *Grandmother Cehres* was cognizant of my husband's activities and the affairs of his mother, who resides in Lily Dale.

SHE WITNESSES PHENOMENA

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JULIETTE EWING PRESSING

The second person was the Doctor's mother, *Flora*, who chatted with him in a very delightful manner.

Then the Doctor's brother, *John*, who was twenty-one years old when he was killed in a railway accident, came out and, in a very clear tenor voice, sang "*Sweet Adeline.*"

Description Difficult

One point I want to explain is, that when spirits return from their spheres into our vibration to visit with us, they try to be and sometimes are very natural. Then, too, when they gain experience, many carry on conversations not unlike those experienced in earth life.

Occasionally, some give advice, others tell about their spirit homes, and a few, especially those who have been in spirit some time, pass along teachings received in spirit schools. These teachings are practical and of great value to those who choose to start their spiritual progression before they pass into the world of etheria.

Then, beautiul, charming *Helen Miller* came to her Daddy, kissing him and expressing great delight in having his friends, *Mr. and Mrs. Pressing*, visit her.

In most instances, it is difficult to describe materialized spirits, but not so in *Helen's* case. In her chiffon-like gown, she appeared as real as any mortal of flesh and blood; her beautiful hair was caught up by jeweled bands; her cheeks were aglow; her eyes natural and her hands beautifully formed . . . even to the finger nails.

Then It Happened!

But *Helen* seemed oblivious to all this. She was unaware of the progress she had made in being able to perfect her likeness and only seemed interested in pleasing her *Daddy*. She knew what he desired most (the piano playing) and when the request was made, she said she would do her best.

And then it happened! In less time than it takes to tell it, she was seen at the piano. How she got there, I do not know. She seemed to disappear and then appear. Had it not been for the strains on the piano, I would have surmised that she had returned to the cabinet but not so, there she was . . . seated before it as she played, not one piece but several.

Allowed Close View

I must say it was a sight to behold . . . to see this life-like girl playing exquisite music. It was almost unbelievable. I was spellbound at first but after a moment, quite myself again. I nudged Mr. Pressing and then we both asked: "*May we go over to the piano to obtain a better view?*"

I cannot remember who gave us permission but I believe it was *Dr. Miller*. In any case, all three of us walked within a few feet of *Helen* and watched . . . not for a few seconds but several minutes. This demonstration of sustained materialization was nothing new for the doctor but for us . . . well, we agreed that now, we had seen almost everything . . . as far as physical mediumship was concerned.

Remember, the piano was at least eight to ten feet from the cabinet. *Helen* materialized first in front of the cabinet, then disappeared . . . reappearing again at the opposite side of the room, a distance of twelve to fourteen feet. Is it any wonder that experiences of this kind definitely bring home the great truth of immortality?

Dr. Gritman Appears

Before we had an opportunity to return to our chairs, *Helen* had disappeared into the cabinet but the seance was not over . . . not yet, for it was then I heard a sort of a crackling noise. I looked around and lo! . . . there stood a man, almost directly in front of me.

Even though I knew all spirits do not necessarily have to build inside the cabinet, but unless a person receives some kind of warning, they are obliged to be startled. The man seemed to know this and did not speak until I had gained my composure.

It was then I heard these words: "*I am Dr. DeWitt Gritman . . . don't you know me? . . . I have on my bow tie. Can you see my beard? . . . Give my love to my Lily Dale friends.*"

His actions were quick, his voice clear, but it all happened so rapidly that I only had time to stutter: "*Why-y-y-, Doctor-r-r Grit - - man*" and then he was gone. Again I must admit I was startled but when one expects spirits to come from the cabinet and instead, they appear from another direction, who wouldn't be ruffled?

Doctor Knows Mediumship

However, in a *Harwood* seance, when such extra-ordinary phenomena is presented, one need not be surprised at anything for, less than a minute later, a tall, stately Hindu in Oriental regalia, fully six-foot-two, walked across the room toward us. We found out later that he was a healer who came to treat *Dr. Miller's* eyes. Incidentally, the treatments have helped the doctor's sight and in time the spirit thinks he will completely correct the vision.

Remember, please, that *Dr. J. F. Miller* is a member of the *American Medical Association* and an active practising physician and surgeon. He knows mediumship

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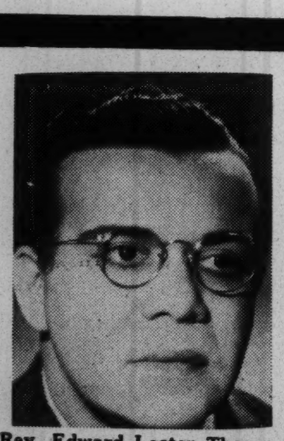

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and is familiar with all phases of phenomena.

Remember also that the two seance room doors were locked and the keys were in my husband's pocket.

Furthermore, the only people in the room were *Edith Stillwell*, the medium who serves as cabinet attendant; *Fanchion Harwood*, the medium; Dr. Miller; my husband and I.

To continue with my description of the seance, my notes show that *Pink Flower*, a delightful little Indian girl who helps me in various ways, came in a joyous, child-like fashion. She brought a cluster of pink roses in material form . . . and as there were no flowers of this kind in the room, I am satisfied they were apported.

Colville Manifests

In psychic science, the word "*apport*" means, "*A physical object is disintegrated, and carried through space. The object reintegrated when it reaches the desired destination.*"

She told us that she picked the little bouquet for me in a nearby flower garden.

The next spirit to manifest was *W. J. Colville*, the famous English inspirational speaker and writer. He was well-known in Spiritualist circles not only in the U.S.A. but all over the world.

My husband recognized him as he had known him during his earth life. *Colville* delivered a short discourse on daily living explaining philosophically how to build a secure tomorrow, (i.e.) "*Hereafter starts now—today—Think of today. Live today. You build as you go through life. . .*"

Spirits Really Try

Unless one has had experience in seance room materialization, it is difficult to conceive of spirit building naturally, so much so that they act and look like human beings. Many are vital, warm and truly alive. They are not wraith-like and ghostly, like people are prone to believe.

John Nicholas Miller, father of the Doctor, was a musician while in earth life. As a matter of fact, in his early days Mr. Miller taught music in Bonner Springs, Kansas . . . riding about the country on horseback to farm houses where he taught young children to play the organ. When "*Nicholas*" materialized, he related this bit of history.

Not to be outdone by his granddaughter, the old gentleman had also learned to build an ectoplasmic replica of himself. He can also play and improvise tunes on the piano, much in the same fashion as *Helen*.

Good Conditions Continue

On this occasion, Dr. Miller requested his father to demonstrate for us. He was glad to oblige and made every effort to please. Attired in a black Prince Albert coat, bow tie and white shirt, he seated himself before the piano and began to play the "*Blue Danube*". At the same time, mind you, *Helen* and her brother, a young fellow in full evening clothes, gracefully waltzed to the strains of the music played by the grandfather. I must repeat . . . all three spirits, fully materialized, were on the floor at the same time, *one playing the piano and a couple dancing.*

Hazel RIDLEY

At this point, *Twilight*, the materialization guide of *Mrs. Harwood*, told us the psychic force was almost depleted, but she would expect us again, at one o'clock, to be exact, to continue our series of sittings. And then it was that *Bessie Moore*, one of the *William Aber* guides, closed the meeting with a prayer.

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The Second Seance

In accordance with *Twilight's* instructions, again at 1 o'clock, we three, *Dr. Miller, Mr. Pressing* and I entered *Fanchion Harwood's* seance room, to continue our series of test seances . . . this being the second.

The same conditions were established as outlined in the fore part of this account. I mention this for a specific reason because it seems that most of the criticism regarding seances of this nature comes from those who have never witnessed demonstrations of this kind.

Vicious Accusations

There always has been and possibly always will be those who glibly ridicule such phenomena. However, after a careful check-up, I generally find such critics can be blithly ignored for, in most instances, they have never even read a book on the subject nor have they ever attended a seance. Why on earth such people try to impress the public that they know all about everything and that it couldn't have happened, is a mystery to me.

I am sorry to say that these disturbers are sometimes vicious in their accusations and forever seem to try to poison the minds of those who have had and continue to have irrefutable proof.

As I was saying, the test conditions were the same. I examined the medium, *Mrs. Harwood* . . . making sure she carried *no paraphernalia* on her person; both doors of the seance room were locked and Mr. Pressing again put the keys in his pocket.

Then our second seance began. *Helen* appeared again. She was delighted and said the conditions were the best but, even so, perhaps I should make an explanation.

Epitome of Grace

I have repeatedly spoken of these materializations as "*spirits*" or "*spirit of*," but somehow it doesn't seem *apropos* as most of these spirit people manifested naturally and were so completely human. Consequently, I will not again refer to each one as a spirit.

To make myself perfectly understood, I must repeat that the only earth people present were *Dr. H. F. Miller, Ralph Pressing, Edith Stillwell, Fanchion Harwood* and myself—otherwise all names given are of spirit visitors.

This second seance had hardly begun when I heard a commotion in the cabinet . . . people talking excitedly and then two lovely old ladies appeared. They were Dr. Miller's grandmother, and my dear grandmother, *Julia Ewing*. These two ladies had met for the first time and were chatting together when they came out of the cabinet. I think this fact is interesting. When earth people assemble in seance rooms to meet their relatives and friends, naturally their own spirit people come to communicate with them.

Grey Wolf

While waiting to have contact with earth people, various spirits stand around and become acquainted with each other. "*As above, so below*," seems to be the law.

The next to appear were twin sisters of Dr. Miller, *Ella* and *Ellen* who came together. They were resplendent in flowing robes, studded with star-like crystals and as they walked about the room, one on either side of their brother, they presented a beautiful picture in rhythm and harmony.

Manifestations of this nature are the epitome of grace and are indescribable. The feet appear to touch the floor, yet, the motion is usually "*gliding-like*," rather than walking.

Indians Materialize

To my husband's joy, his old friend *Hazel Ridley*, the famous medium, came to visit him. She was accompanied by her spirit teacher, *Grey Wolf*. Miss Ridley was well known in America and England, having made three visits across the water.

In this conversation, she referred to our recent trip to London and asked about some of her English friends.

To see a fully formed, *human* looking figure, completely *melt* away, bit by bit, go down, down, down until only a head remains, is quite startling and is almost unbelievable but in materialization, occasionally just such a thing occurs. And so it was with *Hazel Ridley*.

Helen Miller, again appearing vibrant, fleshlike, warm and human, in a beautiful clear soprano voice, sang "*In The Garden of Tomorrow.*" On the closing strains, her form began to melt and disappear

HIS CHURCH CELEBRATES SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Psychic Observer

Harre C. Milesi, pastor of *The Spiritual Haven*, 30 Huntington Ave., Boston, Massachusetts; lecturer, teacher, trance and mental medium.

According to *Joseph H. Merrill*, secretary, the sixth anniversary of The Spiritual Haven was celebrated October 30th, last. *Mr. Milesi* was assisted at the services by Miss Marion *Decrow*, Mrs. Gladys *Worsencroft*, Robert *Barnes* and Abram *Holder*. The annual bazaar was held December 3rd, afternoon and evening.

and there being no other way to describe it, she also went *down, down, down* until only her head remained visible — then nothing. It may sound eerie, but when present at such a demonstration, it seems to be in order, so one really doesn't feel strange.

A full-formed six-foot Indian, garbed in typical head dress, of *real* feathers is quite a spectacle. *Red Feather*, collaborator of Mr. Pressing's, came out dressed in this manner. At my request, he "paraded up and down the room and then allowed all of us to *feel* his feathers—he also dematerialized in full sight—*outside the cabinet.*

William Aber, the famous materialization medium referred to earlier in this article, came to Dr. Miller. In talking to us, *Mr. Aber* expressed appreciation for what we are doing through PSYCHIC OBSERVER to promote Spiritualism. He referred to several mutual friends, one being *Hugh Gordon Burroughs* of Washington, D. C.

Not "Tall" Stories

Mr. Aber told us that he knew "*Gordon*" when he was a young chap. He said he helped him get started in his mediumistic work, and was delighted to hear that *Rev. Burroughs* had *preached* about him—"WILL ABER"—in a recent sermon given in Indianapolis. We have been told that spirit people appreciate our good thoughts. *This is a case in point.*

One of the most spectacular manifestations was when *Sunshine*, an Indian guide associated with Dr. Miller, materialized at our *feet*. All three of us sat side by side, about five feet from the cabinet. The ruby light was fairly bright. In previous seances, held for Dr. Miller this Indian had materialized in a very unique manner, so to prove to us that some of his "*tall*" stories were true, Dr. Miller asked Twilight, the guide, to allow *Sunshine* to come. Her reply was, "*Tell him yourself. He will come if he wants to.*"

Before the words were hardly finished, a great big tall Indian emerged right up out of the floor. At first we sensed and could vaguely see him lying full length at our feet. Then we could *see* him rise. He grunted — shook himself — grunted again and rose to his full stature—*over six feet.* He wore a chamois skin, beaded suit and full feather headdress. I *know*—I felt them.

About Your Experiences

Now this was not an illusion. *It happened.* All of us saw the same thing. I don't know *how* these strange manifestations are accomplished nor does anyone else but I do know that it is done *from the spirit side—BY SPIRITS.*

This particular seance closed when *Helen Miller* dismissed us with a sweet little prayer. However, she said she would expect us about eight in the evening.

I fully realize that these recorded facts are quite sensational and probably some of the readers will question the truth of my report . . . *but it all happened.*

Doubtless hundreds of people who visited *Chesterfield Camp* this summer can attest to some of these same manifestations as Dr. Miller attended a public seance almost every night, and for my records, I really would appreciate having various people send their names and addresses to me if they witnessed Helen Miller's remarkable demonstrations in *Fanchion Harwood's* seance room.

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In the concluding installment of this article (December 25th, 1946 Psychic Observer) Mrs. Pressing will describe a third seance with Fanchion Harwood . . . when similar phenomena occurred in the presence of other experienced sitters. The entire series of seances will then be summed up, after which she will give her conclusions.

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The Hard Way

WISDOM FOR THE STUDENT

Knowledge is important but the knowledge of the right use of knowledge, is still more important.

Only experience can moderate excess of optimism or pessimism.

Enthusiasm is a valuable asset but discretion is indispensable.

MANLY HALL

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Continued from
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Whether it be *Plato* or *Buddha*, *Jesus* or *Mohammed*, *Confucius* or *Zoroaster*, all of the world saviors and messiahs, philosophers and mystics, have come to one inevitable conclusion. This conclusion is not only justified by the experience of ages, but is provable in our own time and in any place wherein we may choose to test the basic qualities of human nature.

This dynamically static fact is that the majority of human beings do not desire to be illuminated, perfected, or instructed if the new doctrine conflicts with beliefs already held and cherished. No reformer will get far until he adjusts his own enthusiasm to this inevitable.

The reason for this impasse in progress is obvious if we relax long enough to permit realities to reveal themselves. No human being can wholeheartedly support or completely subscribe to any idea, notion, or belief which is beyond his own experience.

Only Heroes Assume Burdens

Each of us has a reference frame, a code built up by the impact of circumstances upon the subtle substance of consciousness. Ninety per cent of humanity has no perspective beyond the imminent condition of daily life. Most of all, this vast group has no spiritual ambition to explore larger ways of living. What we know nothing about does not seem sufficiently important to require investigation.

The popular belief that mankind is panting after wisdom and prudence is not demonstrable outside of limited groups already concerned with advanced thought. For the most part the world not only does not know, but is delightfully ignorant of the fact that it does not know. Being unaware of its ignorance, it is unaware of its own inadequacy and is perfectly willing to accept its benightedness and that of its kind as normal and proper; in fact desirable.

Knowledge infers responsibility, responsibility suggests burden, and only heroes are anxious to assume burdens.

No spiritual tradition has ever been popularized until its doctrine has been compromised. The great religious leaders have always been instructors of small groups. Consider, for example, the rise of *Buddhism*.

What Buddhism Is

Technically, *Gautama Buddha* was a philosophic agnostic. He was searching for a moral code that did not conflict with the universality and impersonality everywhere evident in the workings of natural law.

More than two hundred years after *Buddha's* death the *Emperor Asoka* convened a congregation of arhats, the Buddhist patriarchs, to determine the genuine teachings of *Gautama Buddha*. It was through this assemblage that the *Buddhist* canons were defined. It was this integration of the philosophical teachings of the great sage that *Buddhism* took on the attributes of a world religion.

Ritual gradually crept in, rites were prescribed, and sects were set up within the larger structure. While Buddhism never developed the intolerance which has distinguished so many creeds and extinguished their spiritual significance, Buddhism gradually changed from an individual path of self-improvement to a collective faith.

Simple Laws of Life

Today over forty *Asiatic* nations are dominated by the *Buddhistic* religion. Nearly two hundred sects interpret according to their own convictions the words of the *Master* and the commentaries of his arhats. Shrines and temples rise in every community, and thousands of deserted monuments are scattered about in jungles, deserts, mountain fastnesses, and the depths of valleys.

Countless images of *Buddha*, his saints, and the divine beings which make up the *Buddhist* pantheon ornament altars, crossroads, and the walls of caves. The man himself has become a god served by more than eighty thousand godlings. All of his doctrines have been compromised; the more severe generally neglected. His simple laws of life have become involved in magic and sorcery until little of his gentle and generous thought is readily available.

Thus humanity molds great teachings to its own convenience, re-clothing the new in the well-worn and accustomed vestments of the old. *Buddhism* is the present name for that which these simple people always believed.

Progress Always Possible

Is it surprising then that the thoughtful reformer is inclined to limit his teaching to smaller groups of selected persons, in the hope of thus insuring the minimum of misinterpretation? A doctrine given to all the people is gradually but inevitably corrupted to meet the demands of all the people.

But we should not leave the impression that progress in religion and philosophy is impossible. Out of *Buddha's* teachings two great laws, reincarnation and karma, have survived. This survival has not benefited the many so much as it has guided the conduct of the few.

Most *Buddhists* believe in reincarnation and karma, but the majority of them also believe that these laws can be variously compromised and evaded. The *lama*, for example, is quite convinced that he can relieve himself of the sins of five hundred incarnations by a few turns of the prayer wheel.

"Western Paradise"

He also believes that the wind fluttering through the folds of the prayer flag can bring forgiveness for ten thousand misdeeds. This savors rather strongly of a doctrine of vicarious atonement. Many *Buddhist* sects are also highly optimistic about the attainment of the ultimate nirvana.

To *Buddha* himself, *nirvana* was attainable only as the result of the perfection of inner understanding and the exhaustion of the *karmic* debt of all previous lives.

for through countless lives to come. Many sects, however, pretend that they can bestow *nirvanic* bliss as a result of repeating certain *mantrams* and by an assortment of magical processes.

Buddha taught that at death the *sattva* or Self departed into a condition determined by the merit of action alone. Northern Buddhists, however, practice the *Bardo*. They appoint a priest to sit by the dying man. This priest instructs the departing sattva so that it may triumphantly hasten to the *Western Paradise* where it will enjoy ages of bliss prior to rebirth. It is unlikely that *Gautama Buddha* could recognize his faith in its present form, and even less likely that he would sanction its practices.

After contemplating these popular amendments to a noble teaching, we are apt to make superficial observations about the corruption of the priestcraft. The moment a religion shows signs of compromising its integrity we like to lay the fault on the doorstep of the clergy. We say that honest humanity which wants pure and unadulterated faith is being victimized and deceived by delinquent *theologians*.

But who are these *theologians*? Whence come the priests, the abbots, the monks, the nuns, and the acolytes? They are not a class apart or a race created to exploit their fellow man. The clergy is part of humanity itself, for the most part sincere, devout, and self-sacrificing. Most of the old *lamas* are doing the best they know. They are teaching their religion, according to their own light, to others who demand approximately what they are getting.

The priesthood like the doctrine itself is a victim of popular inertia and popular incapacity. Whether it be the hill tribes of high *Tartary* or the shepherds tending their flocks in the rocky land of *Syria* makes little difference; common folk with small requirements and less perspective will follow only that which they can understand.

Source of Misfortune

They can understand only that which they already know, plus a few obvious overtones. If the doctrine departs from their understanding they simply depart from the doctrine.

The shepherd is primarily concerned with maintaining and increasing his flock, and with his personal life which is his home and family. To him major calamities are droughts, low market prices, and diseases of cattle. He is far more interested in the length of wool than he is in breadth of viewpoint.

When one of his enterprises goes awry he seeks consolation from the family or community priest. He wants to know why misfortune has come to him and what he can do about it. He is not interested in the rest of humanity, its politics, its philosophies, or its sciences.

There is no use discussing with such a man the broad implications of *universal law*. He can see no distinct relationship of *cause and effect* in his own restricted pattern. He wants to be comforted. He is willing to pray and give a small contribution to a nearby church. If these fail he is likely to revert to the practices of his ancestors.

They All Want Miracles

He will take three hard pebbles, a strand of wool, and some seeds of grain, wrap them in a square of homespun cloth, and bury them under a rock at one corner of his grazing ground.

This infallible remedy was imparted to him by his grandmother when he was a small boy, and he believes it to be more powerful than all the philosophies of the world when a mysterious malady breaks out in a flock of sheep.

This conflict of idea arises from the simple fact that the priest of the prevailing religion is incapable of curing the sick sheep. The shepherd wants action, not words. He does not want to be told to be patient under adversity; he wants miracles, because miracles are the only immediate remedy for the immediate difficulty.

It is an old story. We want what we want and we want it now. If our religion does not meet this need we begin looking for a new religion, or else we go back to an old one sanctified by tradition.

It is not a long step from a *Mongolian* sheepherder to an *American* business man. The financial considerations are larger, the problems are more complex, but the basic instincts are unchanged. Life is made up of a variety of circumstances, many of which are unpleasant and uncomfortable.

The average man does not desire to become learned or virtuous. He wants to be successful in the enterprises in which he is presently engaged. He has a general formula which defines his code of conduct. He is doing the best he can, and he sees no reason why his feeble efforts should not produce monumental results.

Abstract Formula Unpopular

He is selfish, envious, slightly dishonest, a little intolerant, more or less stubborn, and inclined to be indolent. But, because he is doing the best he can, he feels that the universe should not pick on him and burden his life with misfortunes.

Most of all the average man is busy. He has more to do than he can possibly accomplish, and he is subject to a variety of interruptions, interferences, obligations and responsibilies. He is working long hours or loafing through them, and his possessions, be their quantity great or small, demand his undivided attention.

It is evident that in his present situation he has neither the time nor energy for abstract speculations about the curvature of the continual or the disposition of *Deity*.

Periodically this tired and harrassed mortal is vaguely aware that his politicians are not worth the taxes he pays to support them, and that the international bankers are responsible for his financial instability.

At such moments he may become civic-minded. After a brief contact, however, with local government he is more embittered than before, and retires to some quiet spot to lick his wounds and moan about his unhappy lot.

When this man turns to religion he wants results, not some abstract formula about universal behavior and its inevitable consequences. There is only one thing that will help this man and that is a miracle, and a sizeable miracle at that. Either his faith will get him out of his present trouble or

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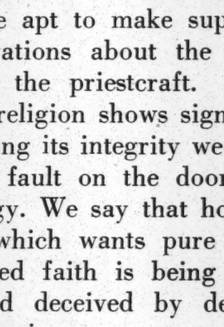

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The Hard Way

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like the simple shepherd he will get out of his faith and seek one that offers larger advantages.

Organized religions cannot depart too far from the world in which they attempt to function without destroying themselves. These faiths serve certain useful purposes, or at least they contribute something to social order and progress, but the growth must be gradual and the human family must be educated in easy stages. Religion, like nearly every other human institution, functions according to laws of supply and demand.

Spiritual Indigestion

The human family can secure for itself any spiritual standard which it demands in audible tones. There has never been a time when advanced knowledge has not been available, but the demand for that knowledge has been limited to minorities who have developed mentally and spiritually above the level of their times.

All teachers in religious fields are aware of that ailment of the psyche known as *spiritual indigestion*. An individual instructed in philosophical or mystical truths which are beyond his normal comprehension inevitably gets into trouble. That which he cannot interpret he misinterprets. That which he cannot understand he misunderstands.

There is nothing in the world more distressing to behold than a noble spiritual conviction deformed by ignorance. *Jesus warned* his disciples not to cast pearls before swine, and the ancient admonition is still good.

When spiritually informed persons decline to make their doctrines public it is usual to accuse them of philosophical snobbishness. Such accusation, unless justified by an obvious dereliction, is unfounded and unreasonable. Wisdom, like happiness, must be earned.

Truth Cannot Be Changed

Persons not willing to improve themselves through discipline and consecration to high principles cannot be safely entrusted with a knowledge which they could abuse to the injury of themselves and others.

The secrecy prescribed by the ancient mystery schools was not motivated by any desire to keep knowledge from the public. The rule of silence was dictated by experience. Wisdom should not be brought down to the level of ignorant persons. The truth seeker must raise himself to the level of wisdom.

Even this is not an arbitrary rule but one founded in nature. The simple fact is that the truth cannot be brought down without distortion and compromise. A truth distorted or compromised is no longer a truth, but becomes part of that collective error with which we are already so heavily burdened.

Thus in all matters, whether they relate to the broad requirements of all mankind or to the more intimate personal requirements of the individual, nature must teach the proper way of action. That which nature denies, man should hesitate to advance. That which nature demands, man must supply or vanish into limbo.

Falsehoods Can Never Survive

Nature's way is one of slow and persistent growth. Each creature is taught the lessons of its own survival. It is led step by step through the labyrinth of matter until in the end it becomes aware of its needs. Once the human being recognizes his shortcomings and realizes that only a larger wisdom can preserve its economy, he is qualified to receive instruction. When this time comes no power in heaven or earth can prevent man from attaining his spiritual majority.

When the fatal hour strikes and the need for wisdom dominates every other consideration, the truth seeker becomes aware of the rich philosophical heritage which has descended to him from the great thinkers of the past. It is the privilege and duty of all religious leaders to set up landmarks for those who come after them. Each contribution to the collective wisdom of the race enriches the general treasury of knowledge.

All efforts, large and small, are fragments of a universal impulse toward sufficiency. Although the religious idealist may feel that no one has been mindful of his words and no one has grasped the import of his message, nothing is lost in nature. In the fullness of time each human ideal bears its fruit and nourishes the soul hunger of humanity.

It is not important whether we succeed or fail in our own time. That which is *true can never perish.* That which is *false can never survive.* All truth is part of one truth and is by nature immortal.

Nothing can prevent humanity from attaining the state of wisdom but *no one, not even the Supreme Being can force humanity to grow more rapidly than experience can point the way.*

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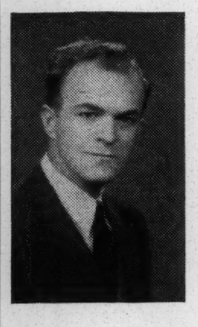

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

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too often with dogmatic pronouncements, and girt about with an ultra-conservative bigotry which would reserve the unknown land for itself.

But we are all bound *somewhere*—why not try to look into this? Now if you or I was under orders to join an expedition to *Patagonia*, say, to remain there permanently, under orders we could not evade, we would carefully prepare for the trip and our stay whilst there. We would read all available literature about this strange region, try to contact those who might know about it, look to our health, our wardrobe and supplies.

Think of it, have to stay there the rest of our lives, and we are young yet. *"My,"* we would say, *"as intelligent beings, do let us find out all we can about this Patagonia, and prepare for it."*

Scientific Materialists

But do we show similar concern about a far more important journey? We are all, as *Victor Hugo* put it, under sentence of death, and yet we are singularly unconcerned, most of us, on our way to the execution chamber.

We all know men who are more vitally interested in a pending real estate deal than the eternity which faces them; and women who never look upward to the stars, but stumble along contentedly in the mud of human affairs.

The weather man scans the sky, his reports and instruments to learn of today's sun or rain, while meantime tomorrow's hurricane stealthily approaches

But there are prudent, thoughtful men in this world of ours. Take those scientific fellows, delving into the secret places, trying to find underlying laws in the natural world, with their microscopes, their chemicals, and divining-rods.

But why, oh why, are the biologists, the psychologists, anthropologists, and all the other *'ologists'* merely exhuming and reclassifying, to fill huge library shelves—instead of seeking for causes, for meanings; why study the shadows, instead of the substance? Why evade searching our destinies, the inexorable future?

Our Myopic Thinkers

I have talked, and corresponded with many scientists. The last ones were two astronomers and a zoologist; some of all these were eminent, in many fields. There's Professor Albert *Einstein*, who told me that he had never seen anything in psychic research which seemed reasonable, that it was nearly all superstition.

Dr. Robert Milliken of cosmic ray fame would, I thought, perceive some connotation between his cosmic rays and the cosmic universe, of which the astronomer *Stromberg* has told us.

But no, *Dr. Milliken* said he felt indisposed to exert his energies in a field *of so little promise.*

Dr. Edward Thorndike of *Columbia* is a thinker, one of our most distinguished psychologists. I remember attending one of his classes at *Columbia University*, as a visitor, merely, and was impressed by his erudition, his clarity of reasoning.

Why the Road Is Dark

Surely, I thought, he must have caught glimpses of something, albeit hazily, of the deeper significences of life. Alas, *Dr. Thorndike* wrote me later that it was the general opinion of psychologists that the time would not be profitably spent in studying a psychic world, even if *William James* thought so.

There were many others who held similar views, but these examples suffice to demonstrate that leading men of science are not, as a rule, shall we say *'scientific'* about this greatest quest of all. It would appear that the world of thinking men, in the highest brackets of intelligence, have been lured into a materialistic view of life by the exigencies of circumstance, today's pressing needs.

We don't entirely blame them. Between annihilation at death, which seems to be the materialist's creed, and the grotesque eschatologies of some systems of theology, the only *via media* open for the scientific materialist is a reluctant agnosticism which falls back discouraged in the face of a problem so fraught with pitfalls and (to them) obscurities.

The wider implications of immortality have been crowded out, shoved aside. Not deigning to lift the curtain, they ask: with the problem insoluble anyhow, why should we waste time on it?

Religion at the Cross-roads

Balked by the scientists, we will look elsewhere for light on this question. How about the religious side, why are our orthodox churchmen so averse to psychic research, when, if the reality of the psychic forces and communication were once established, these would be staunch allies of the churchmen?

Try to convince the religionist of this, and you will at once encounter absurd and illogical objections. You will be told that by eschewing faith as the only open sesame to immortality, you are inevitably doomed. But your faith must also be neatly bound up in one of the orthodox creeds and sects—that is your only salvation.

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TWO SOULS SET AT REST

As Related to "Psychic Observer" by

HORACE LEAF, F.R.G.S.

Reykjavik, Iceland,

I HAVE dined with *Herr Gudmundur Hofdal,* whose investigation of the *Agnes Magnusdottir* and *Fridrik Sigurdsson* case, established in the most dramatic and convincing way the truth of spirit-return. It is generally admitted here in Iceland and elsewhere, that no stronger case for survival, and the restlessness and remorse which may follow criminals into the after-life, has ever been made out. *Agnes Magnusdottir,* who wrote automatically through the hand of a non-professional medium facts hitherto unknown and believed historically to be incorrect; yet her statements proved true in every respect.

I heard the story soon after my arrival at Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, on my present mission, and to a large extent the tremendous interest shown in Spiritualism and Psychical Research may be traced to this remarkable event.

Gudmundur HOFDAL

Everybody believed that the heads of the murderers had been buried in the graveyard of St. Thingeyra Church. This belief had been held by all for well over one hundred years, the execution of the malefactors having taken place on January 12th, 1830. The method of execution was that of beheading.

No one would have bothered about the matter, had not the spirit of Agnes Magnusdottir insisted on writing and rewriting her plea through the hand of the medium, who was by no means impressed by the improbable story.

A Hundred Years

Fridrik, the joint murderer, joined *Agnes* in the urgent request that their bodies and heads be disinterred and buried in consecrated ground; otherwise they would continue in their present unhappy state. They admitted that they sought repose which for more than one hundred years had been denied them.

When I heard the story I sought out *Herr Hofdal* that I might have it confirmed, if possible, from his own lips, and he readily acquiesced. To him it had been a triumph that he could never forget, because when he undertook, at his own expense, to make the necessary expedition to a distant part of Iceland on what might well have been a wild-goose chase, he risked his reputation for being a hard-headed business man.

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What Actually Happened

There was nothing slipshod about this strange request Not only did the invisible communicators name the churchyard—*Tjarnarkirka cemetery at Vatnsnes*—in which they desired their remains to be buried; they also named the place where the funeral service should be held, namely Tjorn, and the clergyman they wished to perform the ceremony, the *Rev. Sigurdur Norland!*

The crime had been a particular foul one, arising out of jealousy. *Natan Ketilsson,* the victim, had, however, by his own misspent life, largely brought his terrible fate upon himself. But there was no excuse for the murderers killing his companion also.

Agnes went into meticulous details in describing, what nobody on earth knew, that the official deputed to take down their heads from the poles on which the judges had ordered them to be exposed, had failed to bury them in the cemetery, as arranged, but had done so at *Thingeyar* about a foot north of a cairn, and that there was some gravel in the pit where their heads had been put.

She gave particulars of the cairn. There are numerous cairns in Iceland, and they are usually built on elevated places to enable travelers to find their way in winter time when the ground is covered with snow and the tracks invisible.

Appearances Deceiving

Before leaving on his mission, Herr Hofdal asked Agnes for further information, and suggested that if he discovered the heads where she said they were, would she agree to his interring them in St. Thingeyra churchyard, owing to the great distance of *Tjarnarkirka* from *Thingeyrar.* This she refused to permit, insisting for some unexplained reason, that they must be reburied at Tjarnarkirkja. She further said that the pole on which her head had been exposed had not been entirely removed from it, the pole having been broken off.

She proceeded to describe certain scenes that he would pass on the way to *Thingeyrar,* stating that when he came to *Sveinstadir* he would find living there a man named *"old Magnus,"* whose services he should recruit in his search as he was a "good seeker."

Herr Hofdal knew nothing of this man. But on arriving at Sveinstadir he discovered such a man to be the reeve of the district. A reeve is the head of a local municipality.

When *Hofdal* told *Magnus* the object of his visit, the reeve was very skeptical and expressed his firm conviction that history would prove to be right and *Agnes* wrong; he consented, however, to help in the investigation

On arriving at the hill where *Agnes* had said the heads were buried they found no cairn, but a well-preserved platform of stone and earth. They concluded that the cairn had either been removed or dissolved by the effects of time.

Re-Buried

It was *Magnus* who discovered the heads, which lay at a depth of 65 cm, lying close together with a wooden stick, which *Hofdal* and *Magnus* concluded was the one *Agnes* had referred to. It was round and 10 cm. long—the exact length Agnes had said it was!

Furthermore, the place where the heads lay was *"gravelborn."* Within a few feet of the heads they found the two bodies in crude wooden coffins

"Thus," said Herr Hofdal to me, "the automatic writing proved true in every respect, with the exception of the cairn. From other information in the script we were able to locate the exact spot, showing again how correct had been Agnes's knowledge."

Herr Hofdal carried out *Agnes's* request. The *Rev. Sigurdur Norland,* on hearing the remarkable story, willingly consented to officiate at the reinterment, and the bones of the two restless souls were buried in the cemetery at *Tjarnarkirkja.*

The reinterment took place June 15th, 1934. *Agnes* requested that for the time being the whole matter be kept from the general public, a wish also of the medium, who still objects to her name being made public.

But on the 21st December, 1934, *Agnes* again wrote, saying that it was both her wish and that of *Fridrik* that the story immediately be made public, and *Herr Hofdal* released it for the press.

This publicizing of the incident was, according to *Agnes* and *Fridrik,* one of the important factors to their release from their spiritual bondage, and they expressed their gratitude for all that had been done on their behalf.

MEDIUM WAS RIGHT

AIRMAN REPORTED KILLED WAS STILL ALIVE

Amazing War "Coincidence"

The end of the war has brought confirmation of a statement by *Edward Lester Thorne,* well-known New York medium, that an American flyer, shot down over Germany and reported killed, was in fact still alive.

Rev. Thorne

At one of Thorne's meetings he was asked a question on behalf of the mother of this airman. The mother was born in Germany, but the son was American by birth.

The medium reported that he did not think the boy had passed over, as he could not receive any impression of him in the spirit world.

In fact, he said, he had met with an accident in surroundings which were familiar to his mother.

This has now been proved to be true, and the son has returned home. He accompanied his mother when she returned to Thorne's church to relate the facts.

He had been forced to make a parachute landing in Germany and by an extraordinary chance landed in his grandmother's garden at Hesse.

She hid him and consequently the war department presumed that he was dead.

This incident is related by Charles Dexter in an article in the Toronto *"Star Weekly,"* sent to us by Major Newling, of Vancouver Island.

For the Record

An Explanation

of the

"HARRY LAUDER" DEMONSTRATION

By

Juliette Ewing Pressing

When writing a report of a seance, that is to be published in *Psychic Observer,* I try to be meticulously careful. My intention is to give absolute facts and details of just exactly what transpired without elaborations or embellishments. I never try to make a good story by deviating from the facts.

In the October 25th issue, I reported a seance held in the large auditorum at *Camp Chesterfield, Indiana.* The medium was *James Laughton.* At this particular seance, I reported that *"Harry Lauder sang several sprightly Scottish airs."*

Stenographer Erred

During this seance, I was seated on the rostrum. The loudspeakers that carried the spirit voices out to the audience were situated on either side of this rostrum. Consequently, those seated on the platform could not hear too clearly just exactly what was said. However, it is my custom to have a stenographer take down notes in shorthand. These notes are transcribed and republished in *Psychic Observer.*

In this case, a very efficient stenographer took down the data but evidently made an error because she reported that *Harry Lauder* sang the songs.

I am in receipt of a letter from *Mrs. Mary MacPherson,* 433 Maryland St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada:

"In your report of the Etta Bledsoe meeting in Chesterfield Camp, PSYCHIC OBSERVER Oct. 25th, 1946, you stated at the end of the report that Harry Lauder sang three Scottish Songs.

"I wish to respectfully point out that this is incorrect. I was present at the meeting and distinctly heard the spirit say 'I am not Harry Lauder.'

"As far as I know Harry Lauder is still in the flesh or was on that date. My friend who accompanied me to Chesterfield is a Scottish lady and we were both brought up in Scotland so were interested in the Scottish singer and were discussing it.

"Imagine our surprise when my father came through at a trumpet seance and asked us how we liked the meeting and told us that they (our spirit friends) were all there too. He asked us how we liked the Scottish singer and went on to tell us that he was 'a fellow by the name of Morrison who was a brother to someone on the grounds.'

"Next day we heard a lady, seated on the hotel veranda, talking with a Scotch accent and we joined her. She was discussing how the spirit sang so beautifully. I told her how my mother had sung 'Rose of Tralee' to me and she said 'Look at my brother—he never used to sing in earth life and yet you heard him yesterday in the auditorium.'

"I asked 'Was his name Morrison?' and she said 'Yes.' I then told her what my father had told us. It was so beautiful and natural. I was so happy to get the wonderful truth. I enjoyed my stay at Camp Chesterfield so much."

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Mary MacPherson.

In my reply to *Mrs. MacPherson* I told her how I deeply regreted the error and how I always tried to be so very careful in reports. I also told her how sorry I was that I made the mistake. At the time, I didn't know whether it would be necessary to make the correction in the paper or not, but, subsequently, I have received the following letter:

"In October 25th edition of the PSYCHIC OBSERVER, the Schumann-Heink and General Patton article, as described by yourself, reads: 'The next guest to be introduced was Harry Lauder. He sang three sprightly Scottish airs.' Enclosed find a clipping taken from a Leonard Lyons column of October 16th, 1946, regarding Harry Lauder's present-day activities. How do you explain this?

"Hoping to have a reply to this inquiry clearing up the enigma. I am enclosing postage and I thank you."

(Signed) Betty Jane Schoen,
813 Troy St., Dayton, Ohio.

In her letter, *Betty Schoen* enclosed a clipping which says *"Harry Lauder will emerge from retirement to greet the touring Goldwyn Girls in Glasgow."*

What I Did Not Know

Personally, I did not know whether *Harry Lauder* was living in the body or had passed on. However, I am indeed glad to be able to explain this enigma and trust that all who read the seance report, published in Oct. 25th issue, will understand how this matter came to pass and how that *Harry Lauder* did not announce himself through the loud-speaker but that it was simply a misunderstanding on the part of the stenographer who took down the notes.

These errors in reporting seances always create a very great deal of confusion, especially when inaccurate but I trust this explanation will clarify the matter to the entire satisfaction, of not only *Betty Schoen,* but to the satisfaction of all of our readers.

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Before long the girl recovered completely under the astonished eyes of her parents. Mystified by this apparently miraculous cure, her doctor was anxious to verify the girl's dream, and visited *San Giovanni* where he found *Father Pio*, monk of her dream, bearing the stigmata on hands, feet and side.

People Indignant

This doctor has had the courage to proclaim his discovery to the scientific world. It has also been revealed that *Father Pio* has been successful in countless similar cases of absent spiritual healing, many of which have been fully documented.

Fearing development of a local tendency to devotional worship of *Father Pio*, the *Bishop* of *Manfredonia* decided that the healing friar must be transferred to another retreat.

Following this decision there was an outburst of indignation from the people. Large police forces had to be drafted to restore order.

The voice of the people prevailed, and, against the orders of the *Bishop*, *Father Pio* remained.

The findings of such Italian scientists as *Professor Marchiafava* and *Father Cemelli* (who has a big academic reputation in the lay world) have only partly explained the local *"mystery."*

Vatican Procrastinates

The examinations of his person, which they were allowed to carry out, were necessarily superficial.

But they showed that, according to all known physical laws, the monk ought long since to have died. His body always has a temperature of at least 108 degrees Fahrenheit, enough to kill any normal human being.

The wounds are genuine, but whether they were caused internally or inflicted externally remains unknown. The *Stigmata* are considered to be extremely painful. *Father Pio* neither admits nor denies this, but the caution with which he proffers his hand to be kissed by the faithful is possibly significant.

The Vatican neither acknowledges nor disowns his mystic powers, leaving it open to popular belief to continue adoration of the *"living saint."*

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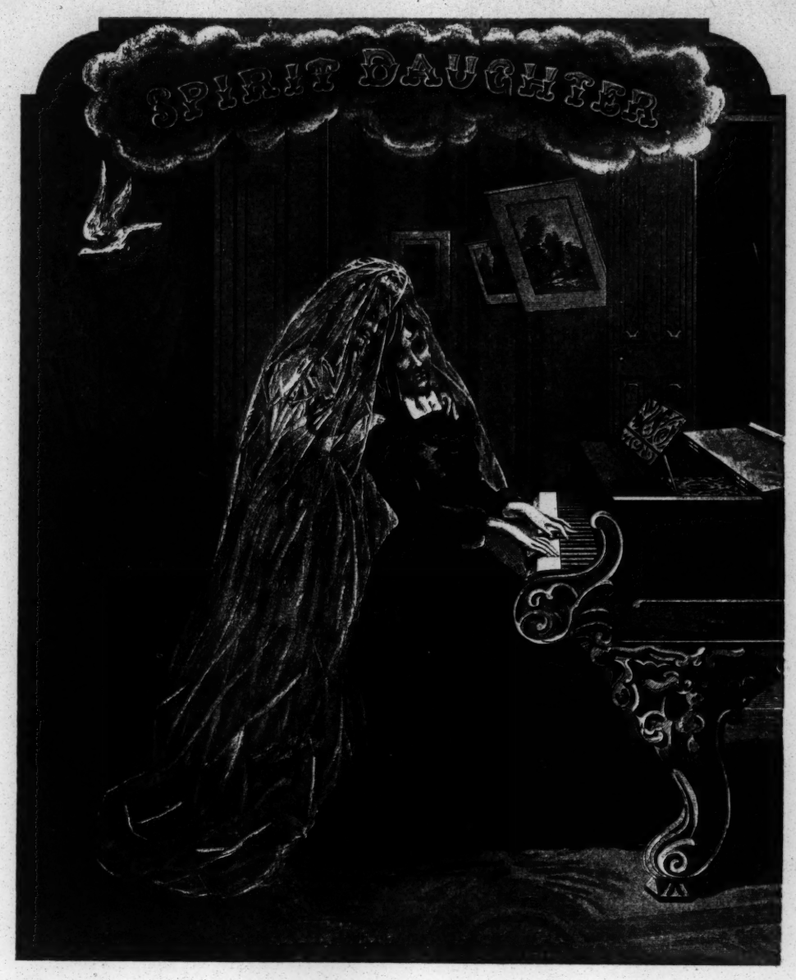

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You will be pointedly advised by the churchmen that surveying expeditions by psychic researchers into the hereafter are barred, as well as quite unnecessary. *"We reserve this region for ourselves,"* you will be told.

The Vital Hypothesis

When we would inquire for their authorities, they are not stumped for a moment, and tell you about the Bible (how about their interpretation of it?), the *Vedas*, the *Zend Avesta*, *The Koran*, *Ly-king*, *Gautama*, *Book of Mormon*, or *Priestly Instructions* as all the guides you will require to find the pearly gates.

This dictum leaves us somewhat puzzled, for we would not know which of the one hundred and thirty-eight or more different creeds, sects, and cults to accept as a guide. Nor can we forget *Kipling's* warning, that: *"When man comes to the Turnstiles of Night, all the creeds in the world seem to him wonderfully alike and colorless."*

If we could only disregard the life principle, the vitalist hypothesis in all this, but we cannot! The purblind biologist can only go so far, and admits defeat. We consider this tenuous element a persisting life principle, toy with it, twist it, mar it, as a child plays with matches. Then the light is quenched, and comes the darkness we call death, its fears and obscurities only partially assuaged by wistful hopes, as millions of organisms are swept over into the abyss.

Busy "Splitting Hairs"

The scientist has told us that this darkness is impenetrable, while the preacher, more optomistic, tries to comfort us with the assertion that all you have to do is to don the rosy spectacles of faith and join his church, whereupon you will not only pierce the darkness, but have revealed to you, far beyond, your future home in a glorious immortality.

These conflicting assurances leave us in a quandary at the forks of the road. Each has buttressed his arguments with, to him, incontestible evidence. In despair, we appeal to the philosophers, but only *Kant* and *Schopenhauer* offer a crumb or two, the rest of them too busy splitting hairs—is there no solution, no way out?

Life on parade

There's a butterfly with yellow wings poised on a flower outside my window, sipping honey. Meanwhile in far-off *China*, hundreds of thousands starve, and a leper, covered with sores, lies unregarded in a ditch over there; a group of financiers in a smoky room with a gold ceiling are planning how to add to their wealth; in a dim cathedral a mother lifts up her child to kiss the bronze toe of a saint.

And then there is a big aeroplane overhead, sixty passengers abroad, with its pilot anxiously scanning a foggy horizon; under rattling palm fronds in a South Sea island a native boy studies his arithmetic by counting the long rows of soldiers' white crosses; a chemist looks unbelievingly at the glass tube in his hand, then rushes exultant into the company of his fellows in an adjoining room.

Why the Disinclination?

The scene shifts and there we see ragged Jews at a concentration camp who are glad the sun is out, and sit in a row staring at the ground; a besmocked girl student in the laboratory adjoining the dissecting room adjusts strong lenses to see a tiny organism stretch, and then separate into two fragments, with two lives where there was but one before.

But wait—my butterfly has gone. I can barely see him there in the distance, a speck of gold against the deep blue sky.

Butterflies or ragged Jews, scientists or priests—why all this darkness and mist of doubt, this quibbling over petty, man-made religious tenets, when certain knowledge of the hereafter is so readily available if we but seek for it? Why the apathy and disinclination to try and pierce unexplored regions by resolute, otherwise-qualified thinkers, toward solving the most important problem of all?

After spending many years in rigid laboratory research, *Camille Flammarion*, the astronomer, *Sir William Crookes*, *Lord Rayleigh* (*Nobel Prize* winner) and other eminent savants have asserted that immortality and the existence of psychic forces are as demonstrable as a problem in chemistry.

A Challenge to Intelligence

What shall we do about this? We must acknowledge that *God* reigns, or disavow the all-too-obvious examples of a *Supreme Engineer working* throughout the universe.

This, even if the scope and purpose of *His* greatness, *His* reality, *His* interest in our welfare and that of all *His* creatures (Matt. 10, 29) is too vast, too awe-inspiring, to be even dimly comprehended by mortals.

In this concept of the diety, and the reasons which impel it, we may earn the disdain of the scientist, and even be prohibited from being a member of this or that religious group, each of which has its own definition, and vociferously claims to be the only one capable of apprehending the true *God* and incidentally possessing, thereby, divine favor, *Ora pro nobis!*

Vestibule of Immortality

How, then, shall we appraise our beliefs, and virtue, a worthwhile aim, as we regard our human ephemera, with its responsibilities, its opportunities, the revelations which come to it, as we consider the evolution of an amoeba or the transitions of a race over the centuries?

But of one thing at least we can be certain: (and here the scientists and the churchmen agree) our stay here on earth, for each of us, must inexorably end, and . . .

The chrysalis, inert, apparently lifeless, holds a germ that lives on. Can we doubt that similarly, our so-called death is but an hiatus, that our short lives here have been spent in the vestibule of immortality.

Ah, yes, the agnostic, intrenched in his puny battlements of self-sufficiency and *a priori* convictions will tell us we are not on firm ground here; will disregard as inconsequential not only the biblical references to a spiritual world, but sneer at the findings of eminent scientists who spent life-times in their laboratories.

These men are searching for truth, the aim of pure science. Their conclusions of the existence of a real psychic world and psychic forces cannot be logically disproved.

Consider Proven Evidence

This very same agnostic would also brush aside as worthless . . . all the thousands of thoroughly-attested cases of spirit return. The pity of all this is that the agnostic will not peer over his battlements to examine the ammunition of his opponents.

We would ask him for a parley, a truce; to honestly look into this matter with open mind, consider the mass of proven evidence which has accumulated to support the hypothesis of survival after death. But he is unconvinced; his incredulous attitude may be compared to that of the back-woods farmer, who, upon seeing a camel for the first time at a circus, exclaimed, *"There just ain't sich an animal!"*

In *St. Augustine, Florida*, some years ago, I wandered over the ruins of the old fort. A friend who accompanied me was looking seaward.

"Isn't it strange," he mused, *"to recall that when this fort was being built, the inhabitants of the coast cities in far-off Spain used to look toward the horizon daily, expecting to see the towers of this fort arise in the distance. They believed the world was flat, in those days."*

Alas, it is still a *'flat world'* to so many of us!

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